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A RESOLUTION to honor Weldon Payne on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who have performed their work duties with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Weldon Payne is one such outstanding person, who has served since 1989 with alacrity and acuity as historian, reporter, recorder, and spokesman for the University of Tennessee Space Institute; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Payne exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; UTSI officials have lamented that Mr. Payne combines “genuine talent” with a “wonderful wit” and a “sincere concern” for fellow men; and

WHEREAS, a native of Thrifty, Texas, Weldon Payne spent most of his childhood in Apex, Alabama and graduated from the University of Alabama; he utilized his degree in journalism with various newspapers and the Associated Press before moving to Tennessee in 1962; and

WHEREAS, the Manchester community was fortunate when Mr. Payne arrived to become editor and later publisher of the Manchester Times ; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Mr. Payne joined the faculty at Motlow College, where he gave unreservedly of himself to educate and enrich the lives of young people for ten years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Payne has demonstrated his exemplary gift as the author of UTSI's history, Web To The Stars, which follows the institute from its inception through its twenty-fifth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, although he has answered the tantalizing call of retirement, UTSI officials assure that Mr. Payne will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly join with the faculty and staff of UTSI in wishing this fine Tennessean much happiness in his retirement, and we wish to thank him for his contributions to Middle Tennessee and our great state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the long and outstanding career of Mr. Waldon Payne and recognize the many contributions he has made to the University of Tennessee Space Institute and our state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish him the best as he plans to write fiction, continue to write for area newspapers, and spend time with his loving wife, Barbara, their three children and four grandchildren.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.